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WELL DONE

Local politicking has put paid to community's borewell dreams, forcing them to buy water for daily needs

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SCAMMY WORLD

City police organise programmes on digital literacy and cyber-security for elderly to be safe while online

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Extreme weather days this year so far have doubled in state as compared to 2023; 60 lives were lost and 83,605 hectares of crop area lost, reveals report

STORMY WEATHER

Researchers say such events will become more severe and frequent

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The number of extreme weather days in the first nine months of 2024 in Karnataka has more than doubled when compared with last year.

An analysis conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), a Delhi-based NGO, shows that while Karnataka recorded 47 extreme weather days in 2023, the number went up to 96 in 2024 so far.

These events have led to the loss of 60 human lives and affected 83,605 hectares of crop area. The state also recorded 50 animal deaths and sustained damage to 2,493 houses during the given 96 extreme weather days.

Karnataka also witnessed 14 days of lightning and storms leading to the loss of 22 lives and 67 days with heavy rain, flood, and landslide, causing the loss of 38 lives. As many as 19 days with heat waves were recorded in the state.

Researchers underline that the analysis of extreme events calls for a critical shift in our approach to extreme events - from disaster response to risk reduction and resilience-building. For instance, flood management requires more than plans on paper. It calls for the strategic development of drainage and water recharge systems, along with expanded green spaces and forests to act as natural water reservoirs in preparation for future storms.

> "This report is not good news, but it is a necessary warning, a call to recognise nature's backlash and the urgent action required to mitigate it — CSE report

The report further highlights that extreme weather events are set to become more frequent and severe.

"This trend is no longer

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Future hazy, present dirty

Area around abandoned ESI hospital building has turned dumping ground, hotspot for criminal activities, locals allege

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An abandoned ESI hospital building at Haines Road has deteriorated into a safety hazard and a focal point for criminal activity, residents of the area complain. Located diagonally opposite Abdul Bari's High School and adjacent to the soon-to-be-operational Bangalore Cantonment Metro Station, this building's neglected state has sparked serious concerns within the community.

A resident of the area Mohammed Fuaad told BM that despite multiple complaints to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), no meaningful action has been taken to secure or maintain the premises. "The building has not only become an eyesore but is now a known location for illegal activities, notably the open sale of drugs, particularly after dark. With no security measures in place, local youths are increasingly at risk, with the property serving as a hotspot for criminal behavior. Recent robberies have already heightened fears, and there is growing anxiety that more severe crimes could occur if authorities fail to act."

He further explained that in addition to the security concerns, the building's surroundings have devolved into an unsanitary dumping ground. "Waste and debris have accumulated around the property, giving rise to a constant foul odour, a nuisance for nearby students, residents, and

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Classical dance performances

Dive into an extraordinary evening of cultural heritage and artistic expression with "Lasyaprabha 2024," a unique classical dance festival by Nrityadhwani. Drawing inspiration from the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: The Universe as One," the event is a celebration of the profound bonds that unite us all. Experience a scintillating Bharatanatyam duet by mother-daughter duo Anuradha and Rhea Vikranth, a magical Kathak duet by father-daughter duo Murali and Pavanee Kalvakalva, and a captivating Odissi duet by mother-daughter duo Yasomati Mishra and Saanvi Thakur.
Where: ADA Rangamandira, JC Road;
When: November 9, 5:30 pm onwards

02 Tribute to Purandara Dasa

Join in for 'Purandara Nritya Namana,' a tribute to Purandara Dasa by Sri Purandara Dasa Memorial Trust. Gururaju, a graded artist of Doordarshan and Aryabhata International awardee, will present beautiful compositions of Saint Purandara Dasa's in Kuchipudi style, and Darshan Shankar, Harshitha Reddy, and Ashwini Bramhasa shall present Dasa's Kritis in Bharatanatyam style.
Where: Purandara Mantapa, Kalyan Nagar, near Isro Layout; When: November 10, 6 pm

Are you ready to have a blast at VK Kannada Habba today?

From cultural, music, drama performances to art activities, magic shows for kids, book & food fair, this 2-day festival offers something for all ages

The prestigious two-day Vijay Karnataka Kannada Habba will begin starting Saturday at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium in the heart of Bengaluru. This festival promises an unforgettable celebration of Kannada heritage, inviting both Kannadigas and non-Kannadigas to unite in the spirit of Karnataka.

The Kannada Habba will be inaugurated on Saturday at 10:30 am by Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Union Minister V Somanna. Organised in collaboration with Bengaluru City University and featuring esteemed guests like the University Vice-Chancellor Lingaraja Gandhi, along with a significant gathering of Kannada artists, actors, scholars, and patrons, the event offers something for everyone, from children to elders. The Kannada Habba is filled with diverse programs: enjoy Yakshagana, a book fair at the Literature Pavilion section, Hulivesha (tiger dances), magic shows for kids, painting, fashion shows, and vibrant music performances by artists like Vasu Dixit and Chandan Shetty.

A notable attraction includes a special play, Mukhyamantri, led by veteran actor 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru, showcasing Mallakhamba, Hulivesha, and classical theatre at its best. Visitors can also explore the British Library exhibit, where scanning a QR code provides access to the complete library catalogue and its resources. Moreover, noted author Vasudhendra and actress Shwetha Srivatsav will launch the book fair, which will feature a range of books and interactive literary sessions over two days.

Non-Kannadigas will also have an opportunity to learn and explore the language with Kannada learning sessions led by Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and actors Priyanka Upendra and Pooja Gandhi. Meanwhile, children and art lovers can look forward to enjoying mural painting, creative play, and workshops in the "Badal Prapancha" section, along with fashion shows and dance performances by university students. **— Prakash VL**

The Kannada Habba offers a lively array of programmes to celebrate Karnataka's rich heritage

Kannada Habba highlights

You can enjoy to your fullest as the two-day festival will include a magic show by Kudroli Ganesh, stand-up comedy and humour segments, dance performances by Prabhat Arts International, a Yakshagana performance, 'Mahisha Vadhe' led by Yaksha Dhruva Patla Satish Shetty, a musical evening with Vasu Dixit and Chandan Shetty, inspiring talks for students by MLA Pradeep Eshwar, appearances by actors like Murali, Brinda Acharya, and Sharanya Shetty, live painting demonstrations by Kotigadde Ravi, and more.
Calling all food enthusiasts! Come savour Karnataka's local delicacies and flavours through a food fair at the Kannada Habba, making it a truly joyful weekend experience. Entry and parking are free for all, with ample space for cars and bikes, ensuring easy access for attendees.
At: Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus, near Mysore Bank
On: Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 9 pm

Be-Misaal: Celebrating 50 glorious years of Padmashri Hariharan's music

Among the many genres that form the vast canvas of Indian music, Ghazal stands apart, elevated by its poetic beauty, emotional depth, and spiritual resonance. And at the very heart of this tradition lies the voice of Padmashri Hariharan, whose five-decade-long journey has defined the very essence of Ghazal.

'Be-Misaal' is a celebration of the rich legacy of Hariharan, a musical luminary whose contributions have transcended time, geography, and culture. As Hariharan's voice continues to mesmerise listeners, Be-Misaal is a fitting tribute to a maestro, showcasing his unparalleled talent and serving as a celebration of his remarkable 50 years in music that has touched millions of hearts globally.

After a successful concert in Kozhikode and another in Doha, Qatar, Be-Misaal is now making its way to Bengaluru. The event, happening Saturday at Phoenix Market City, will be an unforgettable experience. As the maestro takes the stage, the audience will be treated to the magic of his voice, celebrated with heart-stirring renditions of iconic ghazals and soulful melodies that have marked his career.

The event is a rare opportunity for fans and admirers to interact with the legend himself. With his deep insights into the evolution of music and Ghazals, Hariharan will share stories from his illustrious career and reveal glimpses of his upcoming projects. "Ghazals are like speaking to each listener, even without looking at them—such is the beauty of this art. It's a dying form, and I hope we continue to hold on to it. There's nothing quite like a ghazal. When film songs incorporate elements of ghazals, they resonate deeply and stay with you forever," says Hariharan.

Hariharan told reporters, "Until you're 25, ghazals might feel too overwhelming, but with time, as you experience life, you begin to truly understand the depth of the lyrics. As long as there is cupid, as long as there is love, ghazals will always exist." He shared his excitement about meeting his fans, describing it as a celebration. He mentioned that the ball Ranjith set in motion is now spinning at full speed.

To further amplify the excitement surrounding the event, celebrities and fellow musicians have recorded special video messages, adding to the anticipation that this concert will be an extraordinary occasion. The event has also garnered support from music lovers across the globe, with fans eager to witness the magic of Hariharan's voice live.

Gurukiran and Hariharan at the event press conference on Friday

Noted musician Gurukiran said that Gazals touch your heart in an instant, connecting with you in a way that stays long after the music fades. "Unlike other songs you listen to and forget, it lingers. I fell in love with its reflections. While we may not always have the liberty to perform ghazals, there's something about them that makes everyone who listens fall in love." **— Sanjana CS**

Scooterist killed in collision with lorry

Lorry driver allegedly fails to slow down near Nice Road turn

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A 24-year-old man died from injuries sustained in a high-speed collision on Nayandahalli Ring Road on Friday morning. The accident occurred around 3:45 pm when the driver of a lorry allegedly drove recklessly and failed to slow down near the Nice Road turn, colliding with a scooter ridden by Manjunath. The driver has been booked for his role in the collision.

Manjunath was immediately rushed to Jain Hospital. The Byatarayanapura Traffic Police had registered a case against the lorry driver under multiple sections, including 281, 125(B), 134(B), and 187 of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act. The traffic police officials stated that the victim succumbed to his injuries. As a result, the case has now been upgraded to include charges under section 106 BNS.

Teacher accused of assaulting student

A complaint has been lodged against a teacher at Holy Christ School in Jayanagar, accusing him of assaulting an 11-year-old student, causing a broken tooth. According to the complaint filed by the father of the victim, the incident occurred on Thursday around 12:30 pm. The victim, a 6th-grade student, was reportedly playing with classmates in the classroom when he approached his Hindi teacher, Ahmed, to discuss a matter related to their play.

The teacher allegedly struck Ashwin with a wooden stick, injuring him severely enough to cause a broken tooth. Ashwin was subsequently taken to a nearby general hospital, where he received medical attention for his injuries. After treatment, Victim's father disturbed by the incident, proceeded to the police station with his son to file a formal complaint against the teacher.

Missing child found safe

A child who went missing from Vayyalikaval on Thursday evening was safely found near Deviya Park by the police, bringing relief to the family and community. The Vayyalikaval police reported that they responded swiftly to locate the missing child after being alerted by the family.

According to police sources, a woman named Sujata, who reportedly suffers from mental illness, had taken the child. Authorities found the child near the park after a search and immediately reunited them with their family. Sujata was taken into custody and questioned to determine the circumstances leading to her involvement in the incident.

Following an initial investigation, officials confirmed that Sujata had no criminal intent but may have acted due to her mental health condition. As a safety measure, both Sujata and the child have been placed back with their respective families. Sujata has been sent to her hometown along with her parents.

Traffic detours in Shivaji Nagar

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Given the ongoing Metro construction work by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) within the limits of the Shivaji Nagar Traffic Police Station, significant traffic changes will be implemented starting from 11 November. The construction work near Shivaji Circle and Jyothi Cafe will lead to the closure of one side of the road for all types of vehicular movement for a duration of 30 days.

To ensure smooth traffic flow during this period, the following roads will be restricted due to the ongoing construction work: Vehicles travelling from Balekundri to Shivajinagar BMTC Bus Stand via Shivaji Circle will not be permitted. Additionally, vehicles moving along Shivaji Road from Shivaji Circle towards Jyothi Cafe and the Shivaji Nagar BMTC Bus Stand will also face restrictions.

For vehicles coming from Balekundri to Shivajinagar BMTC Bus Stand, drivers should take a left turn at Traffic Head Quarter Junction, continue along Infantry Road, and then take a left turn at Central Street Junction to reach the BMTC Bus Stand. For vehicles travelling from Shivaji Road to Shivajinagar BMTC Bus Stand, drivers should take a right turn at Shivaji Circle, proceed along Venkataswamy Naidu Road, turn left at Balekundri Junction, then take another left turn at Traffic Head Quarter Junction, continue along Infantry Road, and make a final left turn at Central Street Junction to reach the BMTC Bus Stand.

Motorists are advised to plan their journeys and follow alternative routes to avoid delays. Traffic authorities have urged commuters to cooperate with the traffic regulations and maintain patience while the construction work is underway.

Stolen vehicle seized in operation

KR Pura Traffic Police on Friday, seized a stolen two-wheeler from a motorist during a special drive near Old Airport Road.

According to the police, the motorist who was travelling in the two-wheeler was stopped and was asked to produce the registration. Upon verifying the vehicle details and number, the police found that it was stolen.

The police learned that a case had been filed at the Vidyaranyapura police station, and handed the vehicle over to the respective station.

Man kills mother, motive unclear

A 55-year-old homemaker was allegedly killed by her elder son at their residence in Ayodhya Nagar, under the Puttenahalli police station limits on Friday. The incident reportedly took place around 9:30 am.

The deceased identified as Ayesha was killed by her elder son who is identified as Sufiyan (31). According to police, Sufiyan was unemployed and known to be undergoing treatment for psychiatric issues. However, the motive behind the alleged murder is still under investigation,

The relatives and family members disclosed that Sufiyan had been struggling with mental health challenges for some time.

The Puttenahalli police have registered a case and a detailed investigation is underway.

Yoga teacher fakes death

A 34-year-old yoga teacher faked her death using breathing techniques to survive after being strangled, and buried by a group, in Chikkaballapura, police said on Friday. Five people, including Bindu and Satish Reddy, who runs a detective agency in city, have been arrested. Bindu is said to have suspected her husband was having an affair with the teacher and conspired with Reddy to attack her. The victim pretended to be dead, escaped from the pit, with help, reached police station.

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Local politics hamper water supply in Sairam Layout

With support from local politician, citizens dug borewell; however, it has been locked over a month, forcing them to rely on private water suppliers

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Borewell that has been locked for over a month

Residents of Sairam Layout, facing ongoing water shortages, came together to dig a borewell with support from a local politician. Later, KR Puram MLA Byrathi Basavaraj arranged for a water pump to be installed. The borewell initially provided relief, but the supply was soon disrupted due to local political issues.

The residents have brought it to the authorities' notice but the borewell remained locked for more than a month, thus compelling the hapless residents to buy water from private water suppliers. "Each family has contributed money for digging the borewell. I am grateful to MLA Byrathi Basavaraj for facilitating a water pump for the borewell. I bought a hosepipe to supply water to all the houses from the borewell. After a few months, some people created problems. They said they want to appoint a valve man to regulate the water supply to residents at the layout. Now, the borewell is locked and the residents are buying water from private water suppliers," said VP Krishna, Founder of KR Puram Constituency Association Welfare Federation.

He said that he approached the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) on September 21 to take measures for supplying water to the residents of Sairam Layout and arrange monthly meetings to redress the residents' grievances. "We have also requested the Chief Engineer of BWSSB to take measures to operate all the borewells dug up and maintained by the BWSSB," VP Krishna said. Lakshmi J, a resident of Sairam Layout said there is a Cauvery water supply at the layout. "Borewell is also not functioning due to some reasons. I am buying three tankers of water from private water suppliers. I am compelled to spend more than Rs 6000 per month for water," said Lakshmi.

Expressing concern over the acute shortage of water, Padma, Vice President of Sairam Layout Citizens Welfare Forum said all the residents at the layout have been facing a lot of problems due to no water supply. "I want the authorities to operate the borewell for the benefit of residents," she said.

> **"I am buying three tankers of water from private water suppliers. I am compelled to spend more than more than Rs 6000 per month for water** – Lakshmi J, resident

Meanwhile, the BWSSB Assistant Executive Engineer (borewell) wrote a letter on October 4 to the BWSSB Assistant Executive Engineer-4 (East-2) to take measures for operating the borewell at Sairam Layout but the borewell remained locked for more than a month.

When contacted the BWSSB Assistant Executive Engineer Venkataravanappa said the borewell does not come under the BWSSB's jurisdiction as it was dug up by the residents. "BWSSB Borewell Department provided a water pump as per the MLA's advice. The borewell has to be maintained by the resident's welfare association of Sairam Layout," the Assistant Executive Engineer said.

When informed about the October 4 letter by the BWSSB Assistant Executive Engineer (borewells), he explained it was written under the mistaken belief that the borewell was owned by the BWSSB.

It is yet to be determined if residents will receive water from the borewell they funded.

BDA faces land compensation hurdle for PRR project

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The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is pushing the long-delayed Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), but determining compensation for land acquired from farmers has proven challenging. The BDA has deferred the rate decision to the state government. Farmers insist on compensation based on the 2013 Act, while the BDA warns that following the new law would significantly raise project costs. Recently, BDA officials met with the Revenue Department to discuss land acquisition.

The BDA issued notices to farmers, requesting consent for land acquisition and compensation. However, the BDA had initially planned compensation based on the Karnataka Land Acquisition Act of 1894. Sixteen years ago, land along the PRR route was valued at Rs.1-1.5 crore per acre. Currently, prices have increased three- to fourfold, with delays further complicating matters. The 73 km-long PRR construction is estimated to cost ₹28,000-30,000 crore. Attempts to partner with private firms were unsuccessful, prompting the BDA to consider borrowing ₹30,000 crore. Without farmers' consent to old rates, additional borrowing may be required, increasing financial strain.

NA Harris, Chairman, BDA said, "BDA proposes setting compensation following both the 1894 and 2013 Land Acquisition Acts, considering fair rates for impacted residents along the PRR route."

PRR History

This ambitious project was first announced during SM Krishna's tenure as Chief Minister, but it has since

faced multiple setbacks. In 2005, the PRR was envisioned in two phases, modelled after Hyderabad's ORR project. Between 2006 and 2010, property owners challenged the land acquisition process in the Karnataka High Court. In 2011, citing delays, the High Court quashed the PRR project. The project was revised in 2013, with the government limiting the route from Tumakuru Road to Hosur Road, covering approximately 65 kilometres. That July, the High Court upheld the land acquisition, except for 372 acres identified in 2010. In November 2014, environmental clearance was granted by the Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, followed by approval from the Union Urban Development Department in November 2015.

Alignment

The PRR alignment begins at Makali, adjacent to Tumakuru Road, and extends through Thammenahalli, Soladevanahalli, Dodda Bylakere, and Mavallipura, eventually intersecting Doddaballapur Road near the BMS Institute of Technology. It continues through Hosahalli, Kogilu, Agrahara, and Avalahalli, intersecting key routes like Bellary Road, Old Madras Road, Kadugodi, and Sarjapur Road. The road then passes through agricultural lands near Gattahalli, Huskuru, and Chikkanagamangala, ultimately reaching Electronic City and joining Hosur Road near Hebbagodi.

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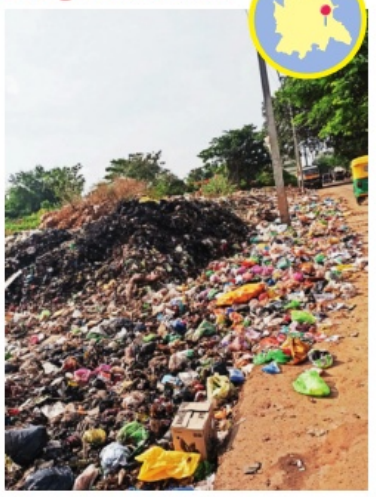
Traffic woes

Kodihalli

Uncleared garbage and randomly parked water tankers on 80-Feet Road in Kodihalli, CV Raman Nagar, are causing heavy traffic and frustration for commuters.

Waste crisis

Margondanahalli



Margondanahalli in TC Palya faces overflowing gutters and poor waste management, leaving streets littered and unsanitary for residents.

Signal blocked

Rajarajeshwari Nagar

A banner completely blocks the view of the traffic signal at Rajarajeshwari Nagar, causing congestion.

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All eyes on school vehicle safety

The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) on Friday conducted a special focusing on common but serious traffic infractions. This drive led to the booking of 1,757 cases and the collection of ₹8,86,000 in fines for violations. Starting August, to curb traffic violations and enhance road safety, the BTP has continued a rigorous special drive against violators. Over recent months, a considerable number of violators have been identified and penalised.

Traffic officials targeted violations including no entry breaches (453 cases, ₹2,30,000 in fines), one-way violations (286 cases, ₹1,46,000), triple riding (57 cases, ₹28,500), no parking (163 cases, ₹81,500), footpath parking (80 cases, ₹41,000), and driving without a helmet (718 cases, ₹3,59,000).

Focus on school vehicle safety

The crackdown extended to school vehicles on Friday morning from 7 am to 9:30 am, where officers inspected 1,159 school transport vehicles. Two drivers were found driving under the influence of alcohol, leading to licence confiscation and permit cancellation. Additionally, 44 cases were registered against school vehicles for carrying excess children (overcrowding), with fines totalling ₹8,800. Authorities alerted the respective school boards about the violations, urging the importance of adhering to traffic rules to ensure the safety of students.

Similarly, the BTP in the South Traffic Division is ensuring the safety of schoolchildren. During the operation, 803 school vehicles were inspected, leading to the registration of 1,988 cases under the relevant traffic laws. This included four cases of school vehicle drivers driving under the influence of alcohol, 104 cases of carrying excess children, and seven other violations.

Other infractions

A broader operation across the East Traffic Division focused on other infractions, such as wrong-way driving, no-entry violations, and unauthorised parking. Between Monday and Thursday, the police registered a total of 799 cases and collected ₹3,99,500 in fines. Furthermore, the drive included a focus on electric bike riders.

In a specialised operation targeting e-bikes on Thursday, officers booked 141 riders for one-way violations and 35 for footpath riding, totalling 176 cases and resulting in fines of ₹88,000. Traffic officials have urged that the special operations will continue, aiming to make Bengaluru's roads safer through consistent rule enforcement in the city. **BMB**

14 days of lightning, storms lead to 22 deaths

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hypothetical -- it is visible in the escalating crises we face today. This report is not good news, but it is a necessary warning, a call to recognise nature's backlash and the urgent action required to mitigate it. Without combating climate change at a meaningful scale, today's challenges will only worsen tomorrow," said the report.

Karnataka also recorded three warm nights in April this year. As per the India Meteorological Department, warm nights record a minimum temperature of 4-6.4°C above normal, while the maximum daytime temperature is 40°C

Overall, the South Peninsula region (Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep) recorded extreme weather events on 168 of the 274 days, which claimed 762 human lives and led to damage of 425.62K hectares of crop area

India scenario

This year, India faced extreme weather events on 93% of the days in the year's first nine months (255 out of 274 days) marked by heat and cold waves, cyclones, lightning, heavy rain, floods, and landslides.

These events claimed 3,238 lives, affected 3.2 million hectares of crops, destroyed 235,862 houses and buildings, and killed approximately 9,457 livestock.

Compared to this, the first nine months of 2023 recorded extreme weather on 235 of 273 days, with 2,923 deaths, 1.84 million hectares of crops affected, 80,293 houses damaged, and 92,519 animal deaths.

In 2024, as many as 27 states and Union Territories saw a rise in extreme weather days 2024, with Karnataka, Kerala, and Uttar Pradesh each experiencing 40 or more additional days of such events.

Extreme weather events were recorded on all 30 days in April across the country. While Odisha was the worst hit with extreme weather events on 19 days, West Bengal was in second spot with 18 days, followed by Karnataka (17 days).

In July this year, Assam and Uttar Pradesh were the worst hit with extreme weather events on 31 days each, followed by Gujarat (30 days), and Karnataka and Kerala (29 days each).

Abandoned hospital building now black spot

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visitors to Shams Convention Centre. Frequent public urination in the area, reportedly by both locals and metro workers, further aggravates the situation. This unsanitary environment not only mars the area's appeal but also poses health risks, particularly to young students attending Abdul Bari's High School," he added.

The residents and business owners of Haines Road have proposed urgent measures to secure and clean up the area, as well as to clarify the future of the abandoned building.

They urge the BBMP and local authorities to consider securing the building by erecting temporary barricades or sheets around the property to restrict unauthorised access and install CCTV cameras to monitor the area. They also suggest that the surroundings be cleared and the area be landscaped to deter illegal dumping.

Citizens said officials must seek clarification from the Metro authorities on the building's future. If no use is planned, they said the building must be demolished.

As Haines Road spans two constituencies, the residents called on MLAs Rizwan Arshad and AC Srinivas to collaborate on a joint effort to resolve this issue.

Infant with rare lung condition gets second chance at life

An eight-month-old infant was recently treated for a rare lung condition. The baby, who was diagnosed with a mass in the chest before birth, required surgery to address the issue. The procedure was performed by Dr Koushik Herle, Paediatric and Neonatal Surgeon, with anaesthesia support from Dr Ravindra M N (Consultant and Head of the Department—Anaesthesiology) and Dr Rashmi G (Consultant—Anaesthesiology) at Manipal Hospital, Sarjapur Road.

Doctors said that the condition, initially identified in a prenatal scan, revealed a growth in the baby's chest near the left lung area. Although the baby showed no symptoms at three months, a respiratory infection in the fourth month prompted further evaluation. A CT scan suggested a possible lung abnormality known as "pulmonary sequestration," which involves lung tissue that does not connect to normal airways.

The surgery began with a minimally invasive approach. However, due to the mass's location close to the aorta, an open surgical technique was used to safely remove the growth. The anaesthesia team managed the baby's vital signs, monitoring oxygen levels, blood pressure, and heart rate closely throughout the procedure.

The operation lasted about two hours, and post-surgery, the infant was monitored in the intensive care unit. Following recovery, the baby resumed feeding within 24 hours. The child experienced a mild fever but was soon stable and discharged on the third day without complications, added the doctors. **BMB**

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Highway widening in north B'luru approved

The state cabinet recently approved widening of a new highway. This expansion of the highway is set to witness substantial infrastructure development with a new 110-kilometre hybrid annuity road project. This road will connect key regions, including Hoskote, Devanahalli, Sidlaghatta in Chikkaballapur, Kolar and Malur in Kolar district. The project, valued at Rs 3,190 crore, is part of the state's forward-looking infrastructure expansion plan aimed at bolstering industrial growth and connectivity in the rapidly urbanising Bengaluru north. Expected to launch in early 2025, this development aligns with the upcoming Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway, bringing additional benefits to the region.

Sources said that the hybrid annuity road, extending up to the Tamil Nadu border, is structured into three primary phases. The first package, covering Vemagal, Malur, and Malur Industrial Area to the Tamil Nadu border, is estimated at Rs 958 crore. The second package, including an elevated corridor from Hoskote to Malur, will support industrial zones in Malur at a cost of Rs 1,054 crore. The third package, connecting Devanahalli to Vemagal and Kolar, is projected at Rs 1,178 crore.

Devaraj D, a real estate developer said, "The upcoming 110-km hybrid annuity road project in Bengaluru Rural district is set to transform real estate dynamics in North Bengaluru, positioning it as a sought-after destination for residential, commercial, and industrial investments. With this, residential demand in the area is expected to rise as more people consider moving to the outskirts for the appeal of less congestion and affordability, yet with fast access to the city." He added that Devanahalli, already a hub for real estate development, stands to benefit immensely. Real estate developers are likely to capitalise on the growing interest in this region by launching new residential communities and mixed-use developments that cater to an influx of new residents. **— Prakash VL**

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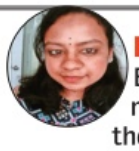

Kavya K, BM Reader
Bengaluru's moderate climate with mild temperatures throughout the year is a key factor, making it comfortable for residents. The city's elevation results in pleasant weather, avoiding extremes of heat or cold.

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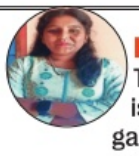

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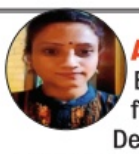

Anitha KA, BM Reader
Bengaluru's weather is known for its balance and pleasantness. Despite climate change, the city maintains a comfortable temperature. Particularly from mid-August to January, the climate is quite enjoyable.

Mahadesh Nayak, BM Reader
The pleasant weather throughout the year makes it an ideal place to live in. The city's greenery and parks provide a refreshing environment for its residents. The city's climate also makes it an ideal place for outdoor activities.

Manasa G, BM Reader
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High demand for key railway projects

MP Dr K Sudhakar met with Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti, V Somanna, in New Delhi to discuss various railway projects for Karnataka

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In Be Chikkaballapur Member of Parliament, Dr K Sudhakar has urged the immediate commencement of several key railway projects, including the construction of the Chikkaballapur-Gauribidanur railway line, the doubling of the Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur line, and the electrification of the Bangarpet-Yelahanka route. His appeal has received positive feedback from railway officials.

Sudhakar met with the Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti, V Somanna, in New Delhi to discuss various railway projects. Among the proposed projects is a new 44-kilometre railway line between Chikkaballapur and Gauribidanur, a 75-km line between Srinivasapura and Madanapalle, and a 23.7-km line between Marikuppam and Kuppam. Sudhakar also requested action on a previously surveyed 103-km line between Chikkaballapur and Puttaparthi, for which no steps have been taken in the past decade.

During the meeting, the MP stressed the need to expedite work on key suburban railway corridors, including the 47-km Rajanakunte-Yelahanka-Heelalige route (Corridor 4) and the 42-km Yelahanka-Yeshwanthpur-Devanahalli route (Corridor 1). He also highlighted the need for doubling of the Yelahanka-Devanahalli section and construction of new lines, including the 44-km Chikkaballapur-Gauribidanur route and the 125-km Devanahalli-Bangarpet-Kolar section. Sudhakar further requested the electrification of the 149-km Bangarpet-Yelahanka route and the doubling of the Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur and Doddabal-

Sudhakar's appeal has received positive feedback from railway officials

lapur-Chikkaballapur lines. He also sought measures to ensure that certain trains stop at crucial local stations to better serve the public.

Additionally, Sudhakar highlighted the need for various upgrades at stations, including the construction of a second platform and the installation of lifts at Nelamangala station. He also called for the construction of overpasses at key level crossings along the Yelahanka-Devanahalli and Devanahalli-Chikkaballapur sections to improve safety of the passengers and pedestrians.

Daily special train from Tumakuru to Bengaluru (File photo)

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Research reveals complicated picture on how people perceive the use of smartglasses

Smartglasses, anyone?

Smartglasses, a type of wearable device, have evolved rapidly since the pioneering yet ill-fated Google Glass received social backlash in 2013. Early adopters were nicknamed "Glassholes", and the product never reached commercialisation. No one could understand why people would want a weird-looking computer on their face taking photos and recording videos, and getting in the way of social interaction.

This is in stark contrast to the design and functionality of new and emerging smartglass technologies, such as Meta's Ray-Ban Wayfarer Smart Glasses. These are indistinguishable from non-computerised eyewear. And while they are not the first to enter the commercial market, their second-generation tech has contributed to a surge in sales in the past year.

However, existing research into smartglasses tends to overlook the broader social risks and perceptions of them. Our new research begins to address these gaps. It examines how these devices are used in everyday contexts – and reveals the diverse and polarised perceptions Australians have towards them.

We found smartglass owners roam in packs and think they're pretty cool – but non-owners are more likely to see the devices as endangering their privacy and facilitating anti-social behaviour. While the two groups did have some common ground, our results make the need for regulation clear.

"Smartglass owners think they're pretty cool – but non-owners are likely to see the devices as a danger to their privacy

Owners & non-owners

Meta's Ray-Ban smartglasses are a type of miniature, head-worn computer. They look like regular glasses but allow users to record videos, listen to music, make calls and livestream directly to Facebook. The latest version also has inbuilt artificial intelligence technology. The glasses are considered a precursor to the commercialisation of augmented reality (AR) eyewear. The augmentations are overlays that allow wearers to see and hear computer-generated information that appears responsive to the world around them.

By 2034, the virtual and augmented reality headset industry is expected to be worth USD 370 billion. We surveyed 1,037 adult Australians to understand their views about smartglasses.

Younger Australians are more likely than older groups to take up the technology. Interestingly, a significant majority (95.6%) of smartglass owners know someone else who owns smartglasses. This suggests the technology already has "in-groups". Younger device owners use their glasses more often than older owners. They also report higher instances of risky behaviours such as using the device while driving or in anti-social ways such as filming people without consent.

This underscores the importance of enhanced regulation that prioritises safety and mitigates risky behaviours.

While owners indicate their smart glasses align with their self-image and social status, non-owners express greater anxieties about privacy and anti-social risks. Non-owners are particularly concerned about appropriate and safe use in shared spaces. They are much more likely to believe wearing and using the device in public is "rude, inappropriate, or offensive".

Importantly, there are some shared views. For example, both groups recognise the potential benefits of smartglasses and feel similarly that the devices can help people. This bodes well for a future where technology might step in when our human senses are less able. **(By Fareed Kaviani and Ben Lyall, Monash University, The Conversation)**

Google Photos launches new 'updates' page to track activity

Google Photos is rolling out a new feature aimed at enhancing how users track and engage with changes in their shared albums.

The new 'Updates' section, which is currently being introduced on both Android and iOS, will allow users to easily stay on top of activity in shared albums and conversations, ensuring a more organised and seamless experience, according to The Verge.

The 'Updates' section replaces the old sharing button, which previously allowed users to share albums with others.

Now, according to The Verge, users will see a bell icon that directs them to a feed of recent notifications.

According to Google, this feature is designed to help users better follow updates to shared albums, comments, and group conversations within the Google Photos app. The 'Updates' page organises activity chronologically, allowing users to filter events by time periods such as "today," "yesterday," "this week," "this month," or "last month."

This timeline will provide clear, easy-to-read notifications about any new changes or actions taken within shared albums and conversations, as per The Verge.

A Google support post mentions, "We want to streamline how you can view recent activity with an interface that makes albums, groups, and conversations more accessible."

This addition is designed to offer greater transparency and control, especially when dealing with multiple people collaborating on albums or group chats within Google Photos.

In addition to the 'Updates' section, users will now be able to access their shared albums directly from the newly launched 'Collections' section.

This provides a central location for managing all albums, both personal and shared, making it easier to navigate through photos and collaborations with friends, family, or colleagues.

While the feature is rolling out now, availability might vary by region and device.

If you don't see the 'Updates' section yet, the Photos team advises users to check back "over the coming weeks" as the feature continues to expand. **ANI**

BITS & BYTES

AMAZON & ANTHROPIC

Amazon is in talks for its second multi-billion dollar investment in artificial intelligence startup Anthropic, the Information reported on Thursday, citing a person familiar with the matter.

The cloud services giant announced an investment of $4 billion in the OpenAI rival in September last year, saying its customers would gain early access to Anthropic's technology. Amazon has asked Anthropic, which uses Amazon's cloud services to train its AI model, to use a large number of servers powered by chips developed by the cloud computing major, the report said. **Reuters**

SELF-DRIVING CAR CHECK

A California state agency said on Thursday it is mandating enhanced data reporting requirements for autonomous vehicles including reports for incidents where self-driving cars get stuck.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is requiring companies to file detailed trip-level incident reports that cover both collision and non-collision incidents, including citations and stoppage events. In June, GM self-driving unit Cruise agreed to pay the maximum $112,500 penalty to the CPUC for failing to promptly provide complete information to the commission about a serious crash involving one of its robotaxis last year. **Reuters**

SENSOR, GAMES HIGH

Sony's profit rose 69% in July-September from a year earlier on the back of strong sales of its image sensors, games, music and network services, the Japanese electronics and entertainment company said on Friday.

Quarterly profit was 338.5 billion yen ($2.2 billion), up from 200 billion yen in the year-earlier period, while consolidated quarterly sales edged up 3% year-on-year to 2.9 trillion yen ($19 billion). Tokyo-based Sony's latest quarterly results were boosted by healthy demand around the world for image sensors used in mobile products. Sales also held up in its video games division. Demand remained strong for PS5 game software, Sony said. **AP**

Sessions to help seniors be safe in crooked online world

City police to conduct digital literacy and cyber-security programmes for senior citizens every Saturday

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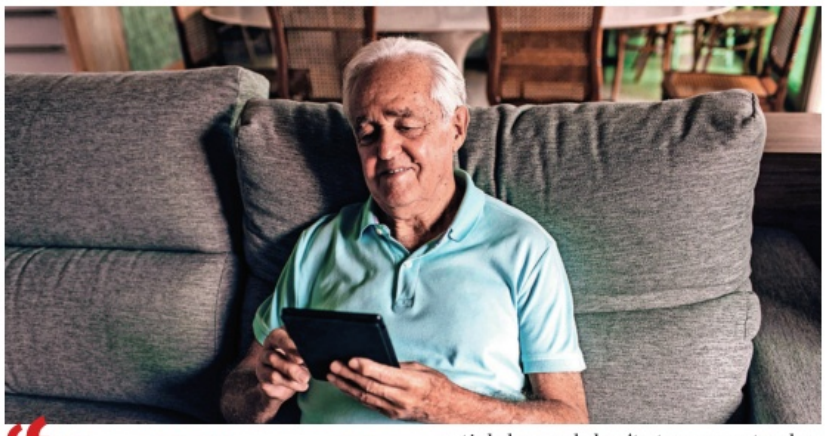

"Many 60-70 year olds face challenges in navigating advanced tech and may become digitally dependent
–B Dayananda, Commissioner of Police

Responding to numerous requests from senior citizens, the Bengaluru Police have launched a series of digital literacy and cyber-security sessions aimed at protecting the elderly from online fraud.

Recent data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reveals that senior citizens are increasingly becoming targets for cybercrimes, often falling prey to scams due to limited familiarity with digital platforms. In many cases, scammers impersonate government officials or law enforcement officers, using fear tactics to trick seniors into sharing sensitive information or transferring money.

The awareness sessions that are to be held each Saturday across various divisions, aim to equip the elderly with essential knowledge on online safety. In October, events in Malleswaram and Sahakar Nagar drew approximately 180 participants, with many expressing a greater sense of confidence in identifying suspicious activity and implementing safe online practices. Police officials said the feedback was positive, noting that participants found the sessions highly informative.

"These sessions cover key aspects of digital safety, including phone security, expert insights on cyber safety, practical tips for staying secure online, and essential dos and don'ts to prevent cyber fraud," said a police official.

The Police, in collaboration with a local NGO, will conduct another digital literacy session from 10 am to 1 pm at CSI Church on Hennur Road, Kothanur, this Saturday. The event seeks to provide hands-on guidance to further bolster seniors' resilience against cyber threats.

"The primary goal of these sessions is to provide senior citizens with crucial information. After the age of 60 or 70 years, many face challenges in navigating advanced technology and may become digitally dependent, which can make them vulnerable to fraud, especially in financial transactions if they rely on untrustworthy individuals, who can turn out to be cybercriminals," explained Commissioner of Police B Dayananda.

Great Amazon heist: HC hears plea of duo accused in ₹69-L refund con

The High Court on Friday reserved its decision regarding a petition filed by two individuals accused of defrauding Amazon of more than Rs 69 lakh, describing their scheme as an "ingenious modus operandi". The accused allegedly engaged in a pattern of purchasing items, initiating returns for refunds, but sending back counterfeit products instead of the genuine items they had received through the platform.

Justice M Nagaprasanna noted that the matter involved a maze of facts and required thorough consideration before concluding the arguments. The petition was submitted by Sourish Bose and Deepanvita Ghosh, seeking to nullify the FIR and overturn a magistrate court's cognisance order. The case emerged in 2017 when an Amazon employee discovered their scheme, which had reportedly been ongoing for several years. According to the complaint, Bose would order premium products from Amazon, pay through his bank account, and have them delivered to Ghosh's address. He would request returns within 24 hours, obtain refunds, and then substitute the authentic products with cheap replicas, placing them in the original packaging before returning them to Amazon. The State informed the Court that the return addresses alternated between Ghosh's residence and various locations across Bengaluru.

Senior Advocate Hasmath Pasha, representing both accused, claimed his clients were wrongly accused and suggested an Amazon employee might be the actual perpetrator. —BMB

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What started as a passion project by a group of friends has grown into one of Bengaluru's most intense underground metal festivals, Return to Slaughter Fest. Created in 2011 by a close-knit group of extreme metal enthusiasts—Vikram Bhat, Pritham Dsouza, Kiran Munipalle, and festival founder, a metalhead who saw a gap in Bengaluru's music scene—the fest was inspired by a trip to Bangkok's God Beheading Festival. Since then, this festival has become a fixture in the city's music culture. Sandesh Shenoy, one of the festival's founders, shares insights into its origins, evolution, and comeback.

What inspired Trendslaughter Fest?
Bengaluru lacked dedicated extreme metal gigs before 2011, and international bands often overlooked India. After visiting Bangkok's God Beheading Festival in 2010, I realised we needed something similar here. With friends, I organised Trendslaughter Fest, which quickly became a place for hardcore metal fans.

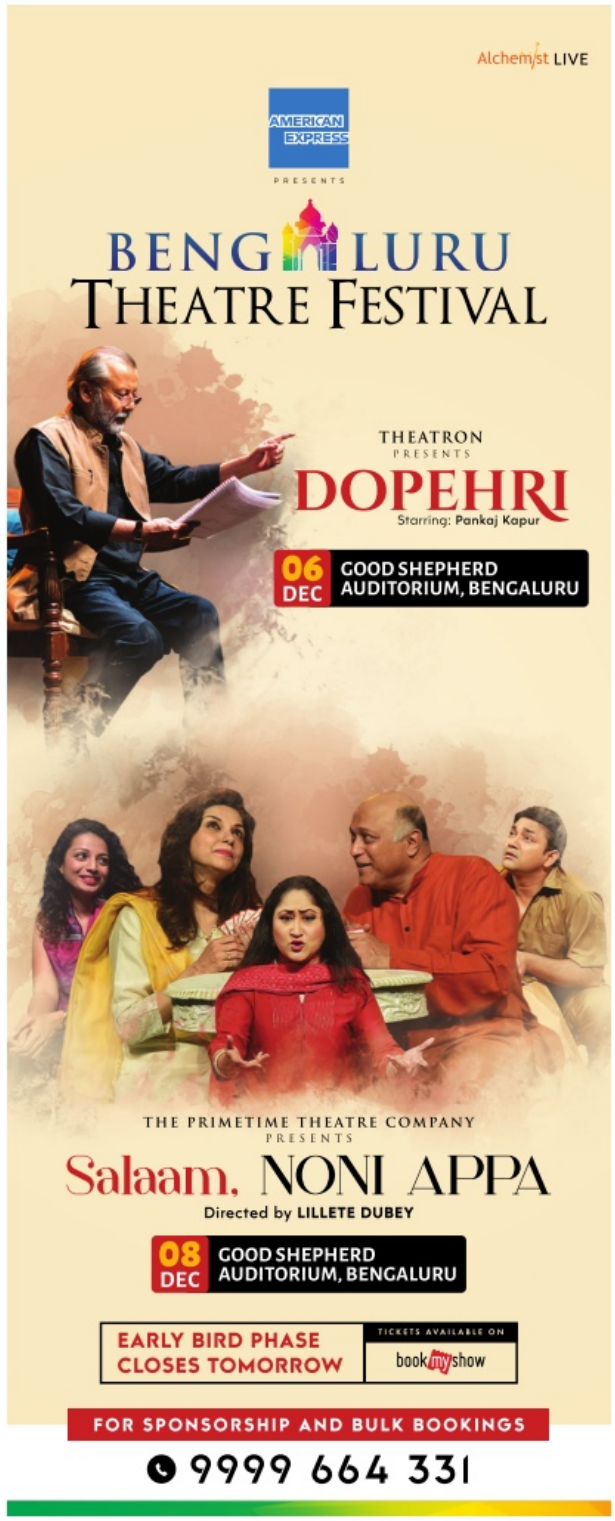
How has the event evolved?
Our initial lineups were South and Southeast Asian bands, but later we hosted acts from North America and Europe. Attendance grew from 120 in 2011 to 300 by 2018. Now called Return to Slaughter Fest, this edition returns to its roots with a focus on Asian bands.

What were the challenges in bringing the fest back post-covid?
Organising it was intense, especially as fans are spread across countries. Rising costs for flights, hotels, and visas added pressure. Yet the fan response has been incredible; everyone's been waiting for the festival's return.

How has the fest shaped Bengaluru's and South Asia's metal scene?
Return to Slaughter Fest has been a driving force in getting Bengaluru's cult bands like Dying Embrace and Dhwesha back on stage, fueled by the festival's commitment to extreme metal. It's also inspired new underground scenes in cities like Kolkata, encouraging similar festivals across India. Our reputation even resonates internationally; when Indian bands perform abroad, fans and bands alike recognise Return to Slaughter Fest and ask about the festival. Upcoming bands with the underground spirit are always welcome on our lineup. In the past, emerging bands like Solar Deity, Necrodiety, Culminant, Witchgoat, and Shepherd found early support here, building a foundation in India's extreme metal scene. This festival has connected the extreme metal scenes within South Asia and with Southeast Asia, and even Europe and the US. Before Trendslaughter Fest, Bengaluru's extreme metal bands rarely got a chance at local gigs. Now, we've established a circuit for extreme metal. The impact has extended well beyond the local scene—there's a bigger sense of connection in the international underground.

Any must-watch bands this year?
Hellhordes is a new act to watch, while veterans like Genocide Shrines, Impiety, and Dying Embrace are set to deliver powerful performances.

Return to Slaughter Fest, November 9, 5 pm onwards @ Nolimmits Lounge & Club



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I, ALIYA KHANUM, aged 37 years, W/o. Mohammed Rafiulla, D/o. Noorulla Jabbar, Residing at No. 199/6, R.V. Road, Das Compound, Behind Bengaluru Hospital, Bengaluru-560004, have changed my name from ALIYA KHANUM to SHABREEN TAJ, Vide affidavit dated: 07.11.2024 before notary GANGARAJU. B.N., Bengaluru.

I, Shakila Sannavenkatappa Rangaswamy R/a No 618, Rayara neralu, 38th Main, Temple Street, Ideal Homes Layout, Bengaluru-560098. I have changed my name to Shakila Rajkumar. Vide Affidavit dated on 06/11/2024 Sworn Before Notary B Seshagiri Bangalore.

I, Vijaya Kumar Kondur Varadaraju R/o Flat.305, 21st main, Marenahalli, JP Nagar, 2nd phase Bengaluru 560078 have changed my name to Kosuru Varadaraju Vijayakumar Affidavit Dt.08/11/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

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The Executive Officer, Karnataka State Haj Committee invites tenders as follows:

Sl No.	Tender Notification
01	E tender for Temporary Structure of accommodation, Inaugural Function Stage, Temporary for Masjid, Toilets etc. at Haj Bhavan compound and KNS College Ground, Bengaluru Haj Operation 2025.Tender File No. KSHC/2024-25/SE0011
02	E tender for preparing & supply of three times meals to the Intending Pilgrims at Haj Camp, during Haj Operations 2025, at Haj Bhavan, Thiriminahalli Village, Hegdenagar Main Road, Bengaluru 560064 Tender File No. KSHC/2024-25/SE0012
03	E tender for supply of Lunch for Intending Pilgrims during Orientation programme at Haj Bhavan, Bengaluru-Haj 2025 Tender File No. KSHC/2024-25/SE0013
04	Tender documents can be obtained from 07-11-2024 to 06-01-2025 up to 3.00 PM https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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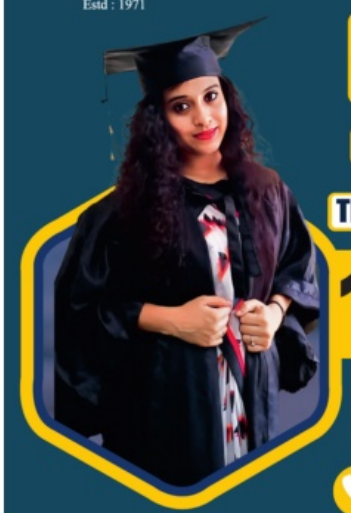

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If your friend has been diagnosed with cancer

Here are 6 things you can do to support them

Across the world, one in five people are diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. By age 85, almost one in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer.

When it happens to someone you care about, it can be hard to know what to say or how to help them. But providing the right support to a friend can make all the difference as they face the emotional and physical challenges of a new diagnosis and treatment.

Here are six ways to offer meaningful support to a friend who has been diagnosed with cancer.

1 Recognise and respond to emotions

When facing a cancer diagnosis and treatment, it's normal to experience a range of emotions including fear, anger, grief and sadness. Your friend's moods may fluctuate. It is also common for feelings to change over time, for example your friend's anxiety may decrease, but they may feel more depressed.

Some friends may want to share details while others will prefer privacy. Always ask permission to raise sensitive topics (such as changes in physical appearance or their thoughts regarding fears and anxiety) and don't make assumptions. It's OK to tell them you feel awkward, as this acknowledges the challenging situation they are facing.

When they feel comfortable to talk, follow their lead. Your support and willingness to listen without judgement can provide great comfort. You don't have to have the answers. Simply acknowledging what has been said, providing your full attention and being present for them will be a great help.

2 Understand their diagnosis and treatment

Understanding your friend's diagnosis and what they'll go through when being treated may be helpful. Being informed can reduce your own worry. It may also help you to listen better and reduce the amount of explaining your friend has to do, especially when they're tired or overwhelmed.

Explore reputable sources such as the Cancer Council website for accurate information, so you can have meaningful conversations. But keep in mind your friend has a trusted medical team to offer personalised and accurate advice.

3 Check in regularly

Cancer treatment can be isolating, so regular check-ins, texts, calls or visits can help your friend feel less alone.

Having a normal conversation and sharing a joke can be very welcome. But everyone copes with cancer differently. Be patient and flexible in your support – some days will be harder for them than others.

Remembering key dates – such as the next round of chemotherapy – can help your friend feel supported. Celebrating milestones, including the end of treatment or anniversary dates, may boost morale and remind your friend of positive moments in their cancer journey.

Always ask if it's a good time to visit, as your friend's immune system may be compromised by their cancer or treatments such as chemotherapy or radiotherapy. If you're feeling unwell, it's best to postpone visits – but they may still appreciate a call or text.

4 Offer practical support

Sometimes the best way to show your care is through practical support. There may be different ways to offer help, and what your friend needs might change at the beginning, during and after treatment.

For example, you could offer to pick up prescriptions, drive them to appointments so they have transport and company to debrief, or wait with them at appointments.

Meals will always be welcome. However it's important to remember cancer and its treatments may affect taste, smell and appetite, as well as your friend's ability to eat enough or absorb nutrients. You may want to check first if there are particular foods they like. Good nutrition can help boost their strength while dealing with the side effects of treatment.

There may also be family responsibilities you can help with, for example, babysitting kids, grocery shopping or taking care of pets.

5 Explore supports together

Studies have shown mindfulness practices can be an effective way for people to manage anxiety associated with a cancer diagnosis and its treatment.

If this is something your friend is interested in, it may be enjoyable to explore classes (either online or in-person) together.

You may also be able to help your friend connect with organisations that provide emotional and practical help, such as the Cancer Council's support line, which offers free, confidential information and support for anyone affected by cancer, including family, friends and carers. Peer support groups can also reduce your friend's feelings of isolation and foster shared understanding and empathy with people who've gone through a similar experience. GPs can help with referrals to support programs.

6 Stick with them

Be committed. Many people feel isolated after their treatment. This may be because regular appointments have reduced or stopped – which can feel like losing a safety net – or because their relationships with others have changed.

Your friend may also experience emotions such as worry, lack of confidence and uncertainty as they adjust to a new way of living after their treatment has ended. This will be an important time to support your friend.

But don't forget: looking after yourself is important too. Making sure you eat well, sleep, exercise and have emotional support will help steady you through what may be a challenging time for you, as well as the friend you love. Our research team is developing new programs and resources to support carers of people who live with cancer. While it can be a challenging experience, it can also be immensely rewarding, and your small acts of kindness can make a big difference. 8

(By Stephanie Cowdery, Anna Ugalde, Trish Livingston and Victoria White, Deakin University, The Conversation)

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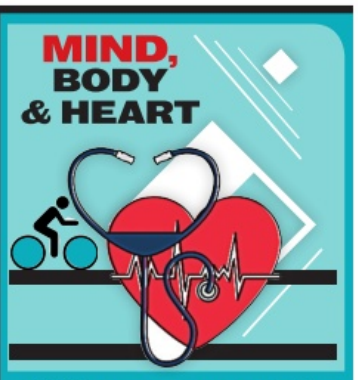

All you need to know about...

Gut microbe changes

Related to rheumatoid arthritis
Changes in gut microbes could be related with an onset of rheumatoid arthritis, eventually translating into symptoms that can be diagnosed, according to a study.

Strains of gut bacteria
In individuals who developed the autoimmune condition, researchers found that the most changes, or "instabilities", in specific strains of gut bacteria involved in inflammation were seen 10 months prior to diagnosis -- suggesting that the gut changes could signal a late stage.

Autoimmune disorder
An autoimmune disorder is that in which healthy tissues and organs are attacked by the immune system, which normally helps the body fight infection and disease. Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic (persistent) autoimmune condition in which there is inflammation, and therefore, pain in one's joints.

Can identify those at risk
However, it was not clear if changes, or "instabilities", in gut bugs trigger the development of the disease or follow it, the researchers from the University of Leeds, UK, said. The findings, published in the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases, could help identify those most at risk of rheumatoid arthritis and require personalise treatment, they said.

Antibody check
The team tracked 124 people at risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis for a period of 15 months -- seven were newly diagnosed, 22 were healthy, and the remaining were at risk. The researchers found that those at risk had 'anticyclic citrullinated protein', or anti-CCP, antibodies -- known to attack healthy cells and to be specific to rheumatoid arthritis -- and experienced joint pain in the past three months.
Of the 124 participants, 30 went on to develop the condition, the researchers said. —PTI

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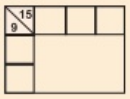
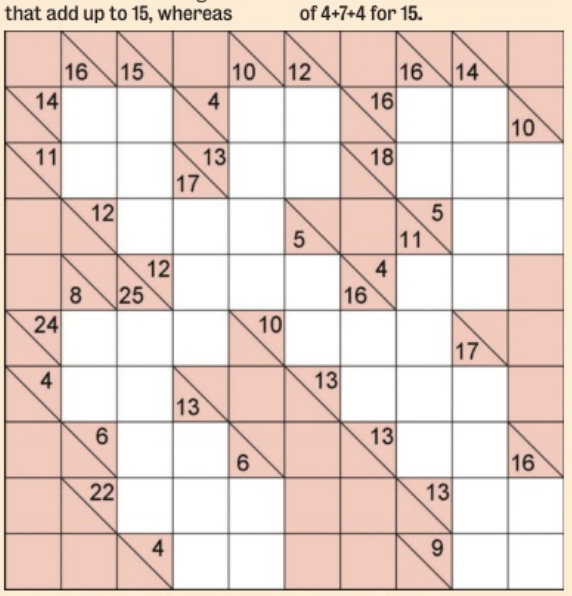
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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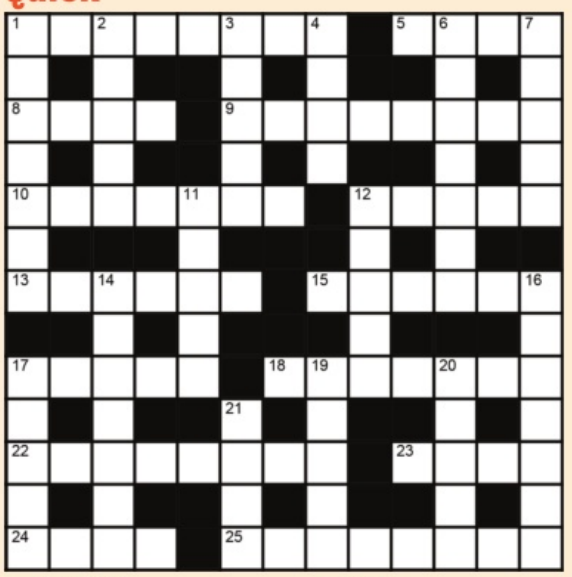


ACROSS

1 Try to win favour of someone by flattery (4,2,2)
5 Blemish (4)
8 Essence (4)
9 Says nothing? (5,3)
10 Thai–may be a breed of a cat (7)
12 Shed tears (5)
13 Solemn promise (6)
15 Archie, Blondie, et al. (6)
17 Thin tree (5)
18 Fellow-feeling (7)
22 Pig's feet, especially when cooked (8)
23 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
24 Stench (4)
25 Defeat thoroughly (8)

DOWN

1 Takes a hitch-hiker abroad (5,2)
2 Caribbean island–"Au Bar" anagram? (5)
3 ___ fun at : assails with ridicule? (5)
4 Had debts (4)
6 ___ Garden: Boating Park on Nagwara lake (7)
7 Domesticated (5)
11 Encourage or incite (3,2)
12 Childhood illness (5)
14 Detonate (7)
16 Fashionable (7)
17 Performer (5)
19 Subatomic particle (5)
20 Ankle bones (5)
21 Diesel oil, slang (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS T

KSX SZHAXTK ZHPKSUXKPQ KB UZTKXH PT KSZK YSPQS XDZFJXT ET KB QBEDK BEH FJXTTPDNT

Linemaro

If a star fell every time I thought of you, the sky would be empty

Mindchow

Do not give up. The beginning is the hardest

Joke of the day

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to use the net and he won't bother you for weeks

Loop

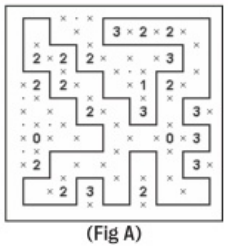
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

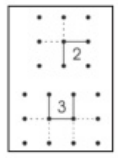
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

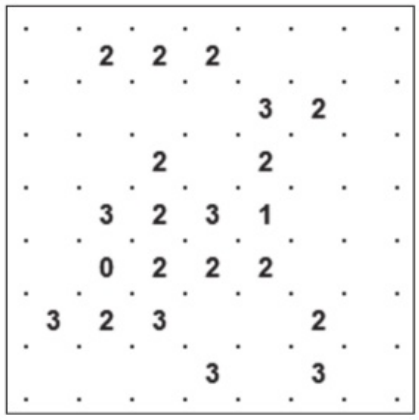
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



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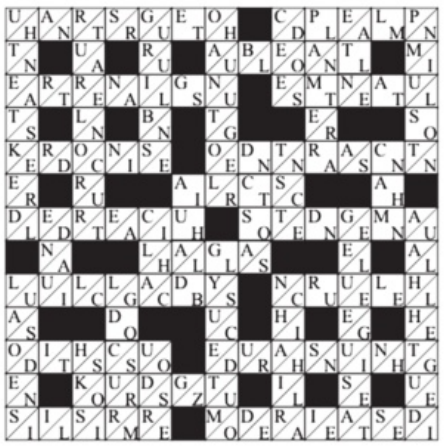
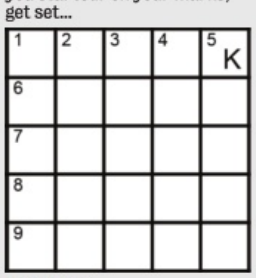


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Hacks; 6 My ace; 7 Inure; 8 To nag (3,2); 9 Saxon

DOWN

1 A scut; 2 H x-ray; 3 Mi Goa; 4 On Can; 5 Knees

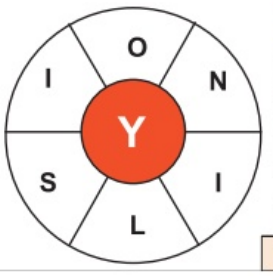
Mensapuzzle

Below is a sequence beginning with the number 72, In which each successive number is based on a certain logic. Which of the five choices below would logically complete the sequence?

a) 11
b) 98
c) 27
d) 21
e) 1

72 53 34 42 23 13 21?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

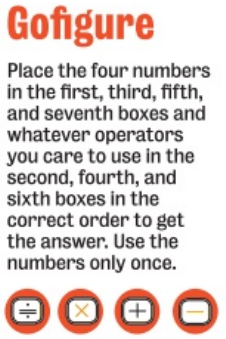
SudokuChallenge

								2
6	1			8		4		7
		3			4		6	5
3		5		6				
		9	2		5	3		
				4		2		8
1	5		9			7		
9		6		7			8	3
2								

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

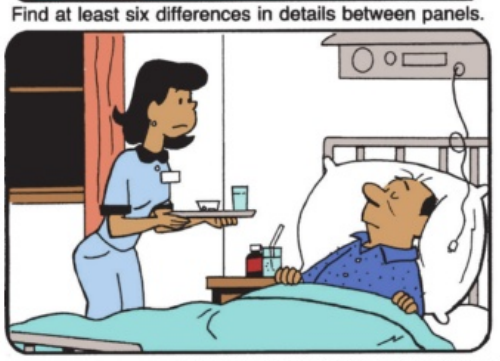
Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tray is not as long. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Name tag is moved. 4. Windowsill is higher. 5. Collar is different. 6. Side table is not as wide.

Riddler

There was a man who went to the mall and he bought 3 pairs of red socks and 3 pairs of white socks. Another man who already bought 3 pairs of red socks and 3 pairs of white socks came back to return his 3 pairs of red socks and 3 pairs of white socks. They are both blind. As they were walking they bumped into each other. All the socks scattered around the floor, but each pair remained held together by a rubber band. Nobody helped them pick it up except each other, but in 3 minutes they both put them back altogether. Each man ended up with the same colors of socks he started with: six red and six white. How is that possible if they are blind?

Alpha triangle

1 Learner's plate 2 Spanish article
3 Showed the way 4 Contest
5 Hinted
6 Nestle, snuggle
7 Coagulated

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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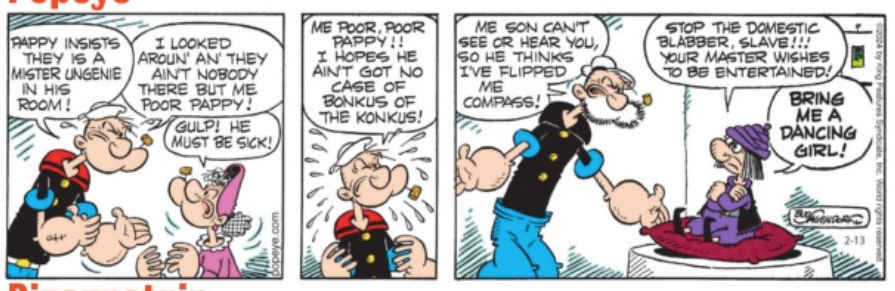
Popeye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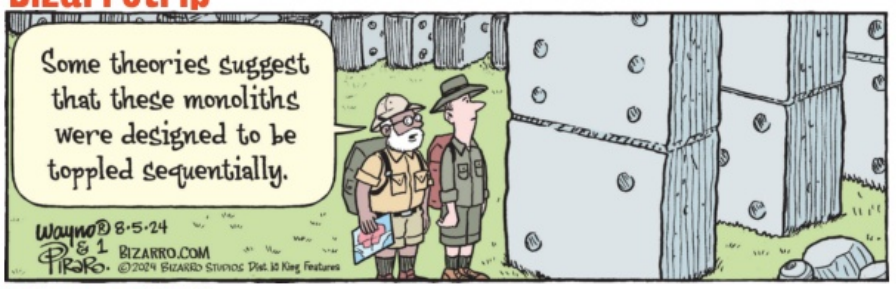
GULP! HE MUST BE SICK!
ME POOR, POOR PAPPY!! I HOPES HE AIN'T GOT NO CASE OF BONKUS OF THE KONKUS!
ME SON CAN'T SEE OR HEAR YOU, SO HE THINKS I'VE FLIPPED ME COMPASS!
STOP THE DOMESTIC BLABBER, SLAVE!!! YOUR MASTER WISHES TO BE ENTERTAINED!
BRING ME A DANCING GIRL!

Bizarrotrip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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HAPPY AUGUST! I ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING: MY BIRTHDAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT I'VE ALREADY MADE A LIST OF PARTY IDEAS.
MAKEOVER PARTY
CAMPING PARTY
POOL PARTY
SCAVENGER HUNT
BIKE RACE
RENTING A BOUNCE HOUSE
RENTING A CARNIVAL
RENTING AN AMUSEMENT PARK

Crankshaft

I'M SKIP RAWLINGS FROM THE CENTERVILLE SENTINEL...
AND I'M LOOKING TO WRITE A FEATURE STORY ON A LOCAL CARTOONIST WHO I'M TOLD COMES IN HERE FROM TIME TO TIME.
KOMIX KORNER
HE'S AN OLDER CARTOONIST WHO DID THE COMIC STRIP 'THREE O'CLOCK HIGH.'
THAT WOULD BE BATTON...
OH, YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CAPTAIN EIGHT-TRACK!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, completing challenging tasks may feel easier; this may boost your confidence. Past investments could yield good returns. However, you are advised to avoid getting into arguments over trivial matters, as it may waste valuable time, and to try to control spending on non-essential items.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel full of energy, and you may perform efficiently at work. Your hard work could start paying off, enhancing your confidence. Property disputes with siblings may be resolved, and a meeting with an influential person could expand your network. You may also plan for some short trips.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon; it brings you happiness and potential success. Strong communication skills may help you secure a big order. Being polite with others could earn you respect, and you may make difficult business decisions with support from colleagues.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is favourable, with blessings from the moon bringing vitality. You may enjoy work. You may also spend romantic moments with your spouse, improving domestic harmony. This is also a good day for starting new projects. Job seekers might find a suitable position. Lovebirds should avoid unnecessary arguments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today might feel challenging, with old health issues possibly resurfacing and causing discomfort. Impatience could lead to poor decisions, so you are advised to take time before committing to anything significant. Try to avoid loose spending, as it could lead to purchases you may regret.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. It might bring happiness and gains from past investments. Your quick decision-making may benefit your work and result in positive outcomes in the near future.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, work may keep you busy, but a strong network could help you implement plans successfully. Wisdom may also bring profits from past investments. Romantic moments with your spouse may enhance domestic harmony, and lovebirds could share some happy times.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, the moon's blessings bring happiness. Last week's challenges are easing now, and your hard work may now be recognized. With the support of your colleagues, you can start on previously delayed tasks, and there may be financial gains in business.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you might feel low-energy, with health issues possibly affecting you. It's advisable to postpone any new investments or ventures, as there could be risks of loss. Gains may feel elusive, so patience is key to achieving success.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel enthusiastic, which could accelerate your projects. Quick decision-making may enhance your business prospects, and you might consider a new partnership. However, it is advised to avoid investing in fixed assets with a business partner for now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, positive influences bring a sense of health and well-being, with old health issues likely to improve. Any previously stuck funds may be recovered now, and you might apply for a loan to purchase some luxury items too.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, the moon's blessings will give you confidence, allowing you to make important decisions decisively. You may feel motivated to pursue higher studies and could meet intellectual people, enjoying stimulating conversations and exchanging ideas.

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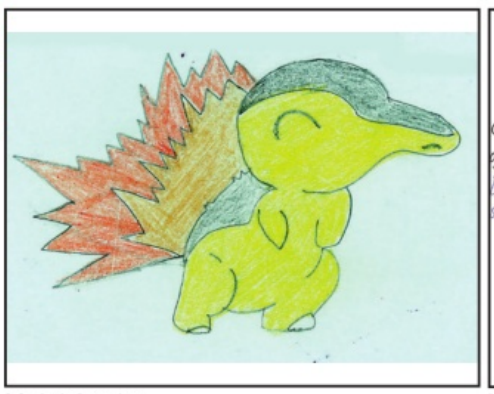

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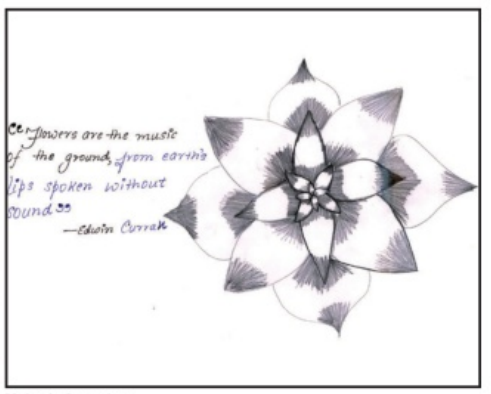

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
One man took all the socks and pulled the pairs apart. As he pulled them apart, he kept one sock for himself and gave the other to the other man so that each man ended up with the same colors of socks he started with: six red and six white.

SOLVE IN 1M
$\sqrt{15} \times \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13^2} \times \sqrt{9^2}$
$= 15 + 13 \times 9$
$= 15 + 117 = 132$

FAST FIVE

S	H	A	C	K
C	Y	M	A	E
U	R	I	N	E
T	A	G	O	N
A	X	O	N	S

STRIKE OUT

S	L	I	M	E	■	M	E	R	I	T	E	D	■	■
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
The answer is a) 11. The sums of the 2 digits of each number decrease by 1 in each succeeding number.

QUOTE UNCODE
The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings

BULL'S EYE
NOISILY, noisy, nosily, nosy, oily, only

SUDOKU

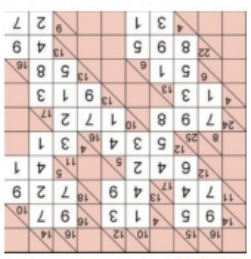
5	7	4	6	9	1	8	3	2
6	1	2	5	8	3	4	9	7
8	9	3	7	2	4	1	6	5
3	2	5	8	6	9	7	4	1
4	8	9	2	1	5	3	7	6
7	6	1	3	4	5	9	2	8
1	5	8	9	3	6	7	2	4
9	4	6	1	7	2	5	8	3
2	3	7	4	5	8	6	1	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, El, Led, Duel, Clued, Cuddle, Curdled.

LOOP
Easy
5 + 3 − 1 + 2 = 9
Medium
3 x 8 + 6 − 5 = 25
Hard
2 + 7 / 3 x 6 = 18

GO FIGURE

KAKURO



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 # Low-key brunching TStar couple-actress Anushka Sharma and cricketer Virat Kohli enjoyed a low-key brunch at a popular Mumbai cafe on Thursday

Angry young man

Ishaan gives paps a piece of his mind for disturbing his stroll

Who doesn't like to be in the limelight? However, there are certain occasions when a person doesn't want flashes and cameras following him. Something like this recently happened with 'Dhadak' fame star Ishaan Khatter, and the actor generally loved for his calm nature could not maintain his composure.

On Thursday evening, the actor was enjoying a stroll with his alleged lady love Chandni Bainz when paps appeared and suddenly their rumored couple's walk turned into a paparazzi moment. Amazed by the timing of the paps, Ishaan asked, "I have a question for you. Do you guys use some kind of tracker? I'm genuinely asking. This all seems staged, right? Where did you all come from?"

He then politely asked the shutterbugs to stop clicking pictures. If they need to, they can take his photographs and not of Chandni, and then leave. Please stop it. Just click my pics and go please.

Reports suggest Ishaan Khatter is romantically involved with a Kuala Lumpur model Chandni Bainz, who has now relocated to Mumbai. She has acting experience and has hosted various events in Malaysia.

Ishaan was spotted with her earlier also, but he kept his private life under wraps. The actor has neither accepted nor denied his relationship with Chandni. During an interaction with The Dirty Magazine, he confirmed that he is no longer single, he didn't mention details about his lady love. "I've been in a relationship with someone who is not as established as me so I'm very aware of how it affects the women I'm with," said the actor explaining why he wishes to keep his love life private.

On the work front, Ishaan recently appeared in the series - 'The Perfect Couple.' The thriller drama has a stellar cast including Nicole Kidman, Dakota Fanning. Next, he has another OTT project 'The Royals'. **ETimes**

Baby's day out

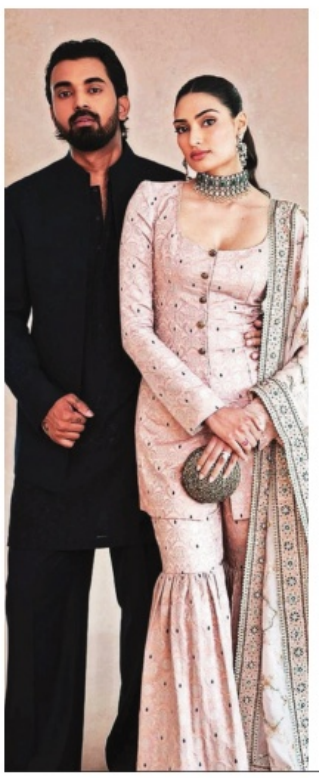
Deepika Padukone was recently spotted for the first time since welcoming her daughter, Dua, in September. The actress was seen alongside her husband, Ranveer Singh, as they made their way to a private airport in Kalina, Mumbai. This outing marks a special moment for the couple as they embrace parenthood.

In the viral photos, Deepika is seen holding her baby girl close in a front baby carrier secured with straps at her waist and shoulders. She wore a relaxed in a printed dress, with loose hair and a makeup-free look, exuding her natural charm. Ranveer complemented her style in a vibrant pink hoodie, sporting a man bun and oversized glasses. These adorable family moments have quickly gone viral on the internet.

On Diwali, Deepika and Ranveer shared the first glimpse of their daughter, revealing her name as Dua Padukone Singh. Taking to Instagram, they wrote, "Dua Padukone Singh | 'Dua': meaning a Prayer. Because She is the Answer to our Prayers. Our hearts are filled with Love & Gratitude. Deepika & Ranveer."

Ranveer and Deepika, who married in 2018, welcomed their baby girl on September 8, 2024. On the work front, the couple were last seen together in Rohit Shetty's cop drama ;Singham Again'. Deepika portrays Shakti Shetty, also known as Lady Singham, showcasing her fierce and commanding presence. **—ETimes**

Parents-to-be post



Cricketer KL Rahul and actress Athiya Shetty will soon embark on the journey of parenthood.

On Friday, the couple took to their respective Instagram handles and announced their pregnancy. They dropped a note which read, "Our beautiful blessing is coming soon. 2025 (baby feet emojis)." The beautiful note also features a clip art of evil eye. As soon as the couple shared the news, netizens flooded the comment section with congratulatory wishes. Actor Rakul Preet Singh commented, "Omgggggg congratulations!!! So so happppy for you guys."

"Congratulations my darling so happy for you both," actor Shibani Dandekar wrote. **—ANI**

Pretty powder blue

The highly anticipated 'Game Changer', starring Ram Charan and Kiara Advani, is set for release on January 10, 2025. Recently, the makers unveiled a captivating new poster featuring Kiara Advani, offering fans an exciting glimpse of her character in the film.

In the new poster, Kiara Advani stuns in an ultra-glamorous look, blending the allure of a princess and a mermaid in a striking blue two-piece outfit. Intricate bead detailing hints at her vibrant role in the film. Her sleek, pin-straight hair, pearl headpiece, and high heels add an extra layer of glamour to her captivating appearance.

Sharing the poster on X, the makers expressed their excitement and announced the teaser launch date for Game Changer. They wrote, "Just one day left to witness the magic of Global Star RamCharan and the stunning advani_kiara..."

For the unversed, the makers will unveil the teaser on November 9 in Lucknow, an unconventional choice for a pan-Indian film event. Teaser launches are usually held in major metro cities like Mumbai, Hyderabad, or Delhi, making this Lucknow event a unique strategy aimed at connecting with audiences in the heart of North India. **—ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Good sign

The team of Dheera Bhagat Roy are on cloud nine over the success of the movie's trailer released at Prasanna Theater recently.

"We are excited about the success of the movie's trailer. It got 40 lakh views in two weeks," said Praveen Gowda HC, one of the producers. The movie is scheduled for release on December 6 and it is expected to clash multilingual movie Pushpa-2: The Rule which is expected to be screened at hundreds of theaters across Karnataka. "We are not worried about the release of Pushpa-2 because of our movie's content. We have already in talks with film distributors and exhibitors to screen Dheera Bhagat Roy at more than 100 theaters in Karnataka," the producer said.

He said Dheera Bhagat Roy was about the struggle and celebration of the downtrodden. "We will not hesitate to fight for theaters to screen our movie on December 6," he said.

Song released

Actor Sharan, who debuted as comedian and graduated as hero in Sandalwood, has encouraged the cast and crew of the movie Jalandhar by releasing the movie's song – Santeya Daariyalli. Sharan praised the song and wished the cast and crew all the best.

The song is written by Suprith Sharma A while Jatin Darshan has scored its music; it is sung by playback singers Vijay Prakash and Madhuri Seshadri. Step Up Loki and Arohita Gowda feature in the song sequence under the guidance of choreographer Seshu.

Vishnu V Prasanna, who worked as associate and creative head for some Kannada movies, debuts as an independent director in Sandalwood with Jalandhar. "The song was picturised at beautiful locations in rural areas. It has become popular among music lovers. The script of the movie is different from other movies made against a rural backdrop. We are working to release the movie at theaters shortly," said the director.

Pramod Shetty, who began his career in villainous and supporting roles in Sandalwood and graduated as hero, plays the lead in Jalandhar. Jalandhar is bankrolled under Step Up Pictures banner.